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### OCEAN FREIGHT RATES.

The prompt action of the Government in appointing Mr. H. L. Drayton, K. C., Chairman of the Railway Commission, to enquire into the question of North Atlantic freight rates with the British Government, is in marked contrast to the indifference displayed in regard to regulations by the Laurier Government. In 1910 the late Government opened the matter up with a view to a conference between the two Governments as to the best method of securing power to regulate rates by joint action, as they could not be interfered with by either country separately. The British Government showed alacrity in responding to the suggestion and repeatedly recalled the subject to the Canadian Government's attention. The Laurier Government did nothing further, and appear to have been altogether too busy attempting to bring about closer commercial and ultimately political relations with the United States, to have had time for negotiating with the Government of Great Britain over the subject which wise regulations would have greatly facilitated the direct commerce between the two countries, and proved of benefit to the producers, shippers and industry of both.

The Borden Government, on the other hand, are going into the matter by a business-like method of investigation. No better agent than the Chairman of the Railway Commission could have been selected. Mr. Drayton, who leaves for England today, has all the details of the problem at his finger's ends, and he knows that the projected lowering of freight rates will prove futile if high ocean freight rates absorb the saving to Western grain shippers that would be thus affected. Both Governments are determined to deal with the question, and there should be little difficulty in coming to an agreement with the transportation companies, under which ocean freight rates will be subject to adequate jurisdiction and control in the public interest.

### MR. CARNEGIE'S GIFTS.

The latest public benefaction associated with the name of Mr. Andrew Carnegie is a gift of \$2,000,000 to be known as the United Kingdom Fund. The income is to be employed for the purposes for which the Carnegie Corporation of New York has hitherto used it, for the advancement and diffusion of knowledge among the people, the erection of public libraries and the provision of church organs in the Old Country. In a letter to the Carnegie Dunfermline Trustees, who will in future be entrusted with the administration of the income, Mr. Carnegie explains the reason for the change.

"This transfer of administration," he writes, "from my wife and to my motherland is not made because the fund has not been wisely administered from New York hitherto, but because in the nature of things conditions which enabled me to keep closely in touch with the fund must soon change. It is my duty to consider the future." Mr. Carnegie was born in Dunfermline, and he has always dealt most generously with his native town. His affection for Dunfermline he expressed in 1882, recounting a coaching trip undertaken in 1881, in company with a party of friends. Coming in sight of Dunfermline, he exclaimed, "What Benares is to the Hindus, Mecca to the Mohammedans, Jerusalem to the Christian, all that Dunfermline is to me." He has also dispensed great benefits to his native country which, it will be noted, he calls his "motherland." In distinction to the United States, which he names his "wife land." During the past ten years his gifts to his motherland have exceeded \$3,000,000 sterling. One of the most notable of these was \$2,000,000, which was handed to the Carnegie Trustees for the Universities of Scotland. Other gifts have consisted of various sums, amounting in all to over \$4,000,000, for the benefit of St. Andrews University, and Dundee College laid out during his Lord Rectoryship. The remainder has consisted of numerous grants for public libraries, technical schools, baths, and organs.

The total sum of the benefactions with which the name of Mr. Carnegie will always be associated amounts to \$22,500,000. He has given hundreds of libraries to cities and towns in England, Scotland, Canada, New Zealand, Tasmania, the West Indies and the United States. These make practically a grid of monuments around the world to a man who some sixty years ago began his industrial career as a bobbin boy in a cotton factory.

### POLLUTION OF RIVERS.

In the closing days of the last session Mr. George Bradbury, member for Selkirk, Manitoba, brought up the question of the pollution of rivers and streams in Canada. As a result of the debate Mr. Bradbury was named chairman of a committee to investi-

gate the whole question preparatory to bringing in a report next session. Work of a somewhat similar character is being done at Washington at the present time by the International Joint Commission. Alleged pollution of the Detroit and Niagara rivers is receiving special attention. Some months ago, when certain public works were projected in the channel of the Detroit River, the Town of Amherstburg complained that it would receive the sewage of Detroit and have its whole river front contaminated. That complaint was regarded as a change ordered. Yet, if Amherstburg is not getting Detroit's sewage, some other point must be, and the same is true with respect to Buffalo and the shores of the Niagara River.

The Joint Commission at Washington is going very thoroughly into the matter, and has arranged for a purify analysis of the whole of the Great Lakes, samples of water being taken from hundreds of points and carefully analyzed. It is altogether likely that conditions will be revealed that at present are quite unsuspected. The pollution of the large navigable streams is a serious matter, but on a smaller scale there is the same importance regarding the purity or impurity of the smaller streams. Many of these are used to give water supply or to augment water supplies, and in the past only the result of an outbreak of typhoid has been effectual in some cases in stopping contamination. Mr. Bradbury's committee is dealing with a practical subject, and its findings will form an important matter with which Parliament can then deal by proper legislation.

### WHERE COMPULSION FAILED.

In view of a recent reference in these columns to the system of compulsory arbitration between employers and labor unions in force in New Zealand it is instructive to note a review in the Toronto Mail and Empire of the situation in Australia, where the system appears to have failed. "It has not failed," it is pointed out, "in giving just decisions, perhaps, but it has failed to satisfy the parties to the disputes. Industrial conflict has been averted in many cases, but one party or the other has accepted the terms of the award in bitterness of spirit, and now a general rebellion is threatened by the laborers. There is an old saying to the effect that nothing is settled until it is settled right. In other words, nothing is settled until the parties are to some extent at least satisfied, and this predicated a compromise. The arbitration boards, in general, have convinced men against their will. They have not made more satisfied workmen, or more generous employers. They have patched up one trouble only to see it burst out somewhere else. Nevertheless, the Labor party, which is responsible for compulsory arbitration, has been loath to abandon this prescription for industrial ailments, but realizing that some improvements were necessary it proposed to put all the industries of Australia under the control of a central federal tribunal, to be presided over by the best judge in the land. This proposal was submitted to a referendum, but was overwhelmingly defeated. It now proposes to set up a number of courts to review the decisions of the arbitration boards. It is plain that this process can be continued indefinitely, but a like result would be obtained by multiplying the number of arbitrators. It is probably the best court in industrial disputes, for the parties will bow to public opinion more readily than to any court, however eminent."

### CURRENT COMMENT

Canadian Municipalities.  
(London Free Press).

The Detroit Free Press thinks Canadian municipalities have been borrowing too heavily. The way the London market has just taken up Winnipeg and Vancouver loans does not bear out the contention. Neither the Detroit paper nor any other paper can cite a case where loss has come to those loaning to a Canadian municipality.

Result of Parcel Post.  
(Winnipeg Telegram).

A fall of nine points in the stock of American express companies followed the announcement that the U. S. parcel post limit of 11 pounds would be extended to 20. Begins to look as if the experiment of parcel post was too long delayed. It is a remedy for exorbitant express charges.

Theory Not Practice.  
(Hamilton Spectator).

Despite charges of department extravagance by opposition journals, Finance Minister White can show a reduction of \$25,000,000 in the public debt during the past year. Of course this substantial amount might have been doubled, judged by girl-theory, but not practice.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

#### THE JESUITS' ESTATES ACT.

The agitation directed against the Jesuits' Estates Act of the Quebec Legislature reached its height twenty-four years ago today, when a deputation waited on Lord Stanley of Preston, the Governor-General, and presented petitions asking him to exercise his personal prerogative by disallowing the legislation. Principal Caven of Knox College, acted as spokesman for the 155,000 citizens of Ontario and the 9,000 people of Quebec who had attached their signatures to the petitions. The arguments before the Governor-General were similar to those previously embodied in a Parliamentary resolution, which had been overwhelmingly lost. It was urged that it recognizes the usurpation of a right by foreign authority, namely, His Holiness the Pope, and because the endowment of the Society of Jesus "is fraught with danger to the civil and religious liberties of the people of Canada." The Governor-General, after listening to the arguments, replied that he would not veto a measure "in the face of his own ministry and of a large Parliamentary majority comprising the bulk of both parties."

#### FIRST THINGS

##### CELERY.

The first edible celery grown in England was introduced by the French marshal, Tallard, during his captivity after his defeat at Blenheim by Marlborough 209 years ago today. Like tomatoes and other vegetables, celery was long considered to be a rank, coarse and peculiar smelling plant with a furrowed stalk and wedge-shaped leaves, which was to be found along ditches and in marshes all over Europe.

The French were the first to reduce it to cultivation, by which the stalks lost their acid and poisonous qualities and assumed the mild and sweet aromatic taste which makes celery so delicious in salads and as a relish. Marshal Tallard was very fond of the plant, and while held a prisoner in England, began its cultivation there. A thousand gorgeous hues may show, And doves may bill and coo,—and so, For all I know, may cattle.

Yet, though to glee such things inspire,  
That something further I require  
I here must make confession;  
For summer sounds and summer nights,  
And rural pleasures and delights,  
And thunder and mosquito bites,  
But deepen my depression.

Nay, more, the things I've catalogued  
As joys, are ills by which I'm dogged,  
And Fate's a dull deceiver—  
Or possibly they seem to me  
Like every other thing I see,  
About as bad as but can be,  
By reason of my fever.

Unconventionalities.  
"Hewligus, I'd ask you to go out and tuck with me, but you always make too much noise when you eat."

"I'm lending you this money, Squall, because I can afford to lose it if you never pay me."

"Yer husband is a nice lookin' man, Miz Larrikans, but he must have picked you up when it was dark, 'cause he wouldn't be a bad sort of fellow, Smykins, if you could break yourself of the habit of buzzing a man when he wants to work."

"I think I must have met you somewhere, your face is familiar. In fact, it's too blamed familiar."—Chicago Tribune.

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## IN LIGHTER VEIN

#### HIS COMPLAINT.

The sun may shine and birds may sing,  
The scythe with joyful cadence ring,  
Or mower jerk and rattle;  
The landscape, under summer's glow  
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#### A RIVAL.

"The equator is an imaginary line running around the earth," said the boy who likes to tell what he has learned at school.

"An imaginary line," repeated the great railway financier, absent-mindedly. "Who is promoting it?"

Consoling Her.  
Old Aunt (despondently)—"Well, I shall not be a nuisance to you much longer."

Nephew (reassuringly)—"Don't talk like that, aunt; you know you will."—Boston Transcript.

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## AUTO MOBILE

PARTY HAD CLOSE SHAVE

William McDonald Party Had Narrow Escape from Death when Machine Upset—Badly Bruised

An automobile accident which resulted in an almost miraculous escape from fatal injuries to the occupant occurred yesterday afternoon, while motoring to the coast. The machine of William McDonald, of the Imperial Tobacco Company, skidded, clearing the road and heading into a deep ditch. The machine was overturned and passengers hurled beneath the wheels, fortunately for the occupant, who was not seriously injured. The hood was raised, but for the weight of the automobile probably had crushed them, likely causing fatal injuries.

Mr. McDonald and party were on the road between Westfield and Bay when the accident occurred. Travelling at a fairly good road speed, the car was heading into a deep ditch. The machine was overturned and passengers hurled beneath the wheels, fortunately for the occupant, who was not seriously injured. The hood was raised, but for the weight of the automobile probably had crushed them, likely causing fatal injuries.

The automobile was from Fredericton and accompanied Mr. McDonald on the trip were his wife and three young ladies. When the passengers crawled from under the car all were to be suffering from various injuries. Mr. McDonald received several and was scalded about the feet. Other passengers were the victims of burns and bruises.

Shortly after the accident of Carl Wessings, who, with two others, was motoring from the city, on the scene and assisted in getting the machine from the ditch. The party was later taken to the hospital. Another accident happened in this vicinity during the forenoon yesterday, but in this case only injuries were recorded.

Daniel Wilson, local manager of International Securities Co., was suddenly ill yesterday afternoon, and after being attended by Dr. C. M. Kelly, was removed to the hospital. It is expected that he will be unable to attend to his work for some time.

GOOD BLOOD THE SECRET OF HEALTH

To be Healthy You Keep the Blood Right Red and Pure.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are in a disease caused by thin pure blood, and the list of ailments is astonishingly long. Anemia literally means a condition in which the blood is thin and pale. It is the blood that carries the life-giving force to every part of the body. If the blood is thin, the life-giving force is weak, and the body is diseased. After an attack of the blood is thin and pale, the body is diseased. After an attack of the blood is thin and pale, the body is diseased.

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